

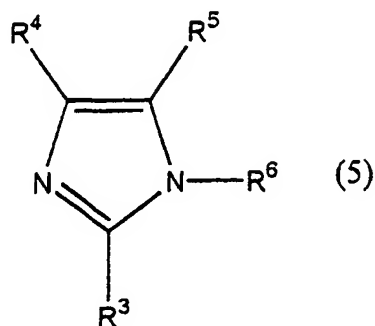
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

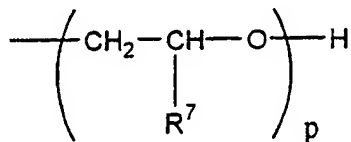
1.-12. (Canceled).

13.-17. (Canceled).

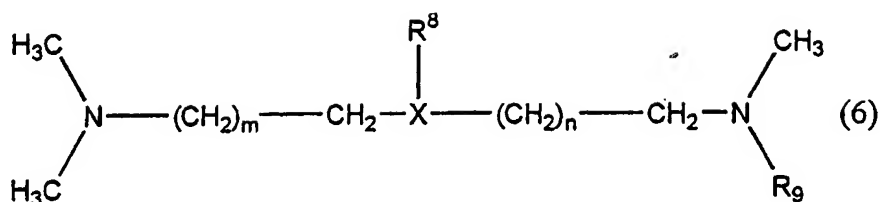
18. (Original) A catalyst for production of a polyurethane resin, which contains a compound of the following formula (5):



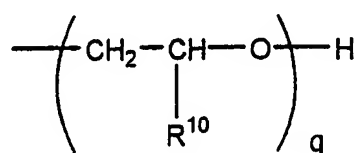
wherein each of  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  which are independent of one another, is a hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl group,  $R^6$  is a hydrogen atom, a functional group of the following formula:



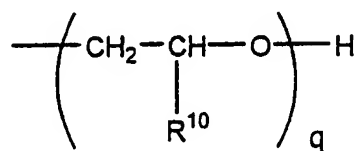
wherein  $R^7$  is a hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl group, and  $p$  is an integer of from 1 to 3, or a 3-aminopropyl group; and an amine compound of the following formula (6):



wherein X is a nitrogen atom or an oxygen atom, each of R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> which are independent of each other, is a methyl group or a functional group of the following formula:



wherein R<sup>10</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group and q is an integer of from 1 to 3, and each of m and n is an integer of from 1 to 2, provided that when X is a nitrogen atom, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are not simultaneously methyl groups, and that when X is an oxygen atom, R<sup>9</sup> is a functional group of the following formula:



wherein R<sup>10</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group, and q is an integer of from 1 to 3.

19. (Original) The catalyst for production of a polyurethane resin according to Claim 18, wherein the amine compound of the formula (5) is an amine compound selected from the group consisting of 1-(2'-hydroxypropyl)-imidazol, 1-(2'-hydroxypropyl)-2-methylimidazol, 1-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-imidazol, 1-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-2-methylimidazol, 1-(3'-aminopropyl)-imidazol and 1-(3'-aminopropyl)-2-methylimidazol.

20. (Currently Amended) The catalyst for production of a polyurethane resin according to Claim 18, wherein the amine compound of the formula (6) is an amine compound selected from the group consisting of N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-N,N',N'',N'''-tetramethyldiethylenetriamine, N'-(2-hydroxyethyl)-N,N,N'',N'''-tetramethyldiethylenetriamine, N-(2-hydroxypropyl)-N,N',N'',N'''-tetramethyldiethylenetriamine, N'-(2-hydroxypropyl)-N,N,N'',N'''-tetramethyldiethylenetriamine, N'-(2-hydroxypropyl)-N,N,N',N''-trimethyl-bis(2-aminoethyl)ether and N'-(2-hydroxyethyl)-N,N,N',N'-trimethyl-bis(2-aminoethyl)ether.

21. (Original) The catalyst for production of a polyurethane resin according to Claim 18, wherein the proportion of the amine compound of the formula (5) to the amine compound of the formula (6) is from 1/9 to 9/1 by a weight ratio.

22.-27. (Canceled).